(b) the various Programmes proposed to be implemented in these villages ;

(c) the Programmes actually implemented and the amount spent on them during the last 3 years ;

(d) whether supply of Electricity is also one of the Programme ?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayathi Raj) .—

(a) *Vide* Statement 'A' laid on the Table.**

(b) *Vide* Statement 'B' laid on the Table.**

(c) *Vide* Statement 'C' laid on the Table.**

(d) Yes.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN L.C.

(Announcement)

MR. SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from the Chairman, Legislative Council.

As required by rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I send herewith the following Bills, which have been agreed to by the Legislative Council, without amendments on 31st January, 1979.

NAME OF THE BILLS

1. The Karnataka Ministers Salaries, Pensions and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1979.

2. The Karnataka Contract Carriages (Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 1979.

2-00 P. M.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re* : *Murder of President of Mercara T.D.B. and Secretary Coorg DCCI on 20th January 1979.*

SRI M. C. NANAIAH (Medikeri) :— I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the murder of the President, Mercara T.D.B. and the General Secretary of Coorg D.C.C. (I) at Chember village on 20th January 1979.

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SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs) :—

Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister I wish to make the following statement.

On the night of 20th January 1979 at about 20.00 hours Sri H. S. Venkatappa, T.D.B. President, Madikeri Taluk, after attending the School Day Celebration at Chembu village was shot by an unknown person from somewhere which hit him on the back. He immediately fell down. Shri Channappa who was with him also received injury on the right eyebrow. Sri Venkatappa died while being shifted to the Civil hospital, Madikeri Shri Channappa was admitted in the hospital.

On receipt of information regarding the incident at about 22.00 hours, a case in Madikeri Rural Police Station Crime No. 10/79, under section 307 and 302 IPC was registered and the Local Police Officers rushed to the spot. The dog squad was pressed into service but there was no useful clue.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Southern Range, Mysore, visited the spot on 23rd January 1979, questioned the witnesses and gave instructions to the Investigating Officers. The C.O.D. officers also went to the spot and are assisting local police in the investigation of the case.

Shivappa Gowda has been arrested on 25th January 1979 and has been remanded to police custody till 2nd February 1979. It appears to be a case of conspiracy. Investigation is being pursued to trace the other accused persons.

SRI M. C. NANAIAH :—From the statement of the Minister it is clear that the investigation is going on. I would like to mention here that particularly in Coorg District in several parts planned assaults are taking place. About two months back a lady by name Smt Shakuntala was murdered in Mercara town. It is for the purpose of dacoity and burglary. Even today the culprits have not been apprehended. In places like Ankala town in Gonikoppal taluk attacks are made on minorities and Harijans and Girijans. Even the police people have been informed of them. What I am trying is to impress on the Government how such instances are taking place in Coorg. I request the Minister to direct the police through their Intelligence to see that such occurences do not take place in future, and so far as this case is concerned to speech up the investigation and culprits are booked. This is a case of murder of an individual who was the President of DCC of Mercara and so much of scare is created that persons who are in politics cannot go to public functions

after 6 P. M. I impress once again on the Government to see that such occurrences do not take place and see that investigation is speeded up and assailants are apprehended without further loss of time.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Sir, the hon'ble member Sri M. C. Nanaiah referred to some of the murders that have taken place in his district, particularly in the southern part of the district. This particular village where the murder has taken place is an adjacent village of South Canara. About three years ago the President of Block Congress was murdered and the accused is still absconding. There are several instances. The peculiar feature is that public persons are murdered and accused are absconding for years and months. I think these things raquire a thorough probe particularly about the life of the public men. I want proper protection should be given. Sometimes when public men are attacked it is only the private people that have to come to the rescue. This question requires deeper probe by the police heirarcy not only in respect of booking the culprits but also preventing such offence in future, in South Canara and Mercara.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಗಂಗಾಧರಗೌಡ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಕೊಲೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ವೀರಪ್ಪಮೊಯಿಲಿ ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ, ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಸಸೆಟ್ಟರ ಕೊಲೆ ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಆದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಯಾರು ಎಂದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ತನಿಖೆಯಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಕೊಲೆ ನಡೆದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಹೃದಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯಭೀತಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಜನರ ಆತ್ಮಕೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಸೂಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಜನರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಏನಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ, ಈ ಕೊಲೆ ನಡೆದ ಜಾಗ ಸೂಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚೆಂಬು ಎಂಬ ಗ್ರಾಮವಾದ ಕಾರಣ, ಈಗ ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಬಂಧಿಸಿರುವ ಕೆಲವು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಸೂಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೇ ಸೇರಿದವರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಇದನ್ನು ಆದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿನಂತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಬೆಳ್ತಂಗಡಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಾಡಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಇಂತಹ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಇಂದಿರಾಗಾಂಧಿಯವರನ್ನು ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದ್ಮಗೌಡ ಎಂಬುವನು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಕೊಲೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಆಕ್ರಮಣ ಮಾಡಿದ. ನಾನು ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಮೇಲೆ. ಅವರು ನಾನು ಯಾರ ಮೇಲೆ ಆರೋಪಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೆನೋ, ಅವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಮೀಲಾಗಿ, ಅವರೊಡನೆ ಸ್ನೇಹ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ನಾಟಕೀಯ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂಧಿಸಿ, ನಂತರ ಇಂತಹ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಅವರೇ ಪ್ರೇರೇಪಣೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ನನಗೆ ಬೇಸರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಯಾರು ನಮಗೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೋ, ಯಾರು ಇಂತಹ ಕೃತ್ಯಗಳು ನಡೆಯದಂತೆ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ, ಅಂತಹವರೇ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಬೇಲಿಯೇ ಎದ್ದು ಹೊಲ ಮೇದಂತೆ ಆಗಿದೆ. ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಜೀವ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಪೋಲೀಸರ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ರಂಗನಾಥ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಯಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಕಳವಳ ಏನಿದೆಯೆಂದರೆ ಜೀವಕ್ಕೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ತೀವ್ರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂದಾಲೋಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಆಗಬೇಕಾದಂತಹ ಕೃತ್ಯಗಳು ಏನಿವೆ ಅವನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ನಾನಯ್ಯ ಅವರ ಕೇಸು ತೀವ್ರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಇನ್ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಆಗಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು, ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಕೆ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ ಗೌಡ ಅವರು ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಅದು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ವಿಚಾರ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅಂತಹದ್ದೇನಾದರೂ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಆಶ್ರದ್ಧೆ ಪಡಿಸಿದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಲಘವಾಗಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೀವ್ರ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(*ii*) *re* : *Communal riots in Kolar.*

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM (Gulbarga).—Sir, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the communal riots that took place in Kolar recently.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister, I would like to make the following statement :

The Managing Committee of Anjaneyaswamy Temple situated at Kolar Town wanted to construct an additional room for the existing structure of the temple. Adjacent to the temple, there is a house belonging to one Sri Sheik Masthan Sab. He took objection to the construction of the additional room on the plea that it would obstruct light and air to his house and also it would result in encroachment of three feet of land belonging to him. To prevent the construction of the room, he obtained an injunction order from the Munsiff about 3 months ago restraining temple authorities from constructing the additional room within three feet of disputed land.

The temple authorities went in appeal to Civil Judge and got an order in their favour with the condition that they go ahead with the construction without removing the sajja of Sri Sheik Masthan Sub's house. Accordingly, the construction was taken up without affecting the sajja, but Sri Masthan Sab raised an objection stating that the sajja had been disturbed. Local police and leaders of both the communities intervened and made the parties agree to the construction as per the judgement of the Court. Accordingly, the temple authorities resumed construction of the additional room on 6th of January 1979.

On 8-1-1979, about 200 students of First Grade College and and Junior College, Kolar, took up the cause of the temple authorities and requested the Deputy Commissioner to give protection to see that the construction is taken up. Thereafter, some rumours were spread in the town that some Hindu boys had looted some shops belonging to the minority community. These are the main causes for the clash between minority community and Hindus.